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1. Beds of chromium ore have been found at Lipe, northwest of Kuklesh. Since May 1951 about 200 political prisoners have been working on the opening of the mine. The Militiamen who watch the prisoners do not allow other people to approach the mine. The manager of the mine was Nikola Traikov, formerly a farmer in Varvarica, who was until May 1951 an employee of the District Commissioner of the Interior.
2. Five Slovenian technicians who worked on the drilling of the mine attempted to escape to Greece but were caught near Furka and sent to Slovenia.

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